

**NEWSLETTER FOR ST BRENDAN, HARWOOD, ST COLUMBA, TONGE MOOR
& ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, BROMLEY CROSS**

29TH SEPTEMBER 2013

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Following on from last week (“You cannot be the slave of both God and money”) we see a practical illustration of what this means. The division between rich and poor was very striking at the time of Jesus: popular understanding, however, said that to be rich was a blessing from God. Jesus reminds people that riches carry their own responsibility – the duty to notice the poor man, especially when he lies at your own gate. In this parable, Jesus is subtly attacking the people’s lack of acceptance of the teaching of the prophets – “They have Moses and the prophets...”, but they obviously haven’t listened to them. The twist in the last line is powerful: “...they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.” Since our world still sees a division between rich and poor, how true those words have become!

Liturgy & Activities This Week		Prayers Please
<i>Sunday Cycle C; Weekday Cycle 1; Divine Office Week 2</i>		
Sunday Missal: <i>page 433; Readings 439; Preface at Priest's choice</i>		
Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am Mass (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB & SC)	<p>Sick: Gladys Hall, Kevan Dunleavy, Mary Leigh, Joan Coles, Isabelle Owen, Laura Shuttleworth, Ethel Caton, Tony Winstanley, Bernard Edmundson, Jonathan Rimmer, Eunice Brierley, Elizabeth Patterson, Bernard Callaghan, Kathleen Humphreys, Eileen Jones, Cecilia Guest, Joseph Walton, Jean York, Caroline Vickers, George Cowley, Robin Tootill, Elzie Ball, Tricia Jennings, Mick Collins, Bernard & Rita Holder, Michael, Baby Rose, Calum Russell, Eileen Murphy, Brendan O’Grady, Pauline Bowling, Emma Turner, Joan Rankin, Guy Ryan, Maria Stott, Fiona Preston, Kathleen Hopwood, Catherine Crowley, John Barrett, Bea Gilmore, Roy Smith, Isabelle Karzynski, Fiona Oldham (nee Clappison), Emma Jimanez (baby), Stephen Tootill, Maureen Kennedy, Vera Evans, Julie Smith, Ernie Little, Mary Coyne, Anthony Axford, Mary Marshall, Joan Pearce, Joshua Almond, Jacqueline Kay, Wynn Elliot, Tom Wardle, Joan Peake (nee Hooton), Elizabeth Evenson, Bob Taylor, Rita Margiotta, Noel Gannon, Sheila Derbyshire, David Walton and all who are sick or recovering from serious illness.</p> <p>Lately Dead: Carol Ainscow, Joan Taylor, Michael Mangan, Betty McGeever, Muriel Conniffe, Chris Ogden</p> <p>Anniversaries: Barbara Grimes</p> <p>Mass Intentions: David Greenhalgh (Birthday Remembrance), Joyce Knight, In honour of St Jude, St Anthony & The Sacred Heart, Carol Ainscow, Barbara Grimes(40th Anniversary), Agnes & Jack Ninihan & family (Diamond Wedding Anniversary), Joan Taylor, Chris Ogden</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cycle of Prayer Part 6 (of 6): We pray especially for: the spread of the Gospel; the harvest; the fruits of human work & the reverent use of creation; justice and peace in the world; all victims of war; young people; prisoners & their families</p>
Monday <i>St Jerome</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) 6-7pm Peace Prayer Vigil [<i>see overleaf</i>] 8pm SVP (SJ)	
Tuesday <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus</i>	12.30pm Requiem Mass for Muriel Conniffe (SC) 7pm Mass (SB) 7.30pm SVP (SB) 7.30pm Induction of Rev Stephen Parsons	
Wednesday <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	9.15am Year 5 Mass in school (SC) 9.30am School Mass in church (SJ) 7.30-9.30pm Year of Faith Talk (Bury)	
Thursday	9.15am Mass (SB) 7.30 - 8.30pm Scripture Study Course (SB)	
Friday <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9.30am Mass (SJ) <i>CAFOD Harvest Fast Day</i> 10.00am Coffee Morning (SJ Patmos Room) <i>24hr Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>St Joseph’s, Darwen [details overleaf]</i>	
Saturday	11am-12noon Adoration & Reconciliation (SJ) 5pm Mass (SC) 5.30-6pm Reconciliation (SJ) 6.30pm Mass (SJ) <i>Collection for CAFOD</i>	
Next Sunday	9.15am (SJ) – with Children’s Liturgy 10.15am (SC) – with Children’s Liturgy 11.15am Mass (SB) – with Children’s Liturgy 2pm Baptism (SB)	
<p>Collections & Donations: <i>All cheques (even for special collections) should be made payable to St Brendan’s, St Columba’s or St John’s as appropriate.</i></p> <p>Mass Intentions: <i>Cheques should be made payable to St John’s</i></p> <p>Gift Aid: <i>If you are a tax-payer, the parish can claim back the tax you have paid on any donations you make if you simply sign a Gift Aid form once. Thanks</i></p>		

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Retired Priests' Fund: This weekend we have our annual appeal for this fund. The bishop and priests of the diocese are very grateful for people's generosity to this collection over the past three years. We have a considerable amount of retired priests and, as you know from your own experience, the cost of everything goes up from year to year. Please be as generous as you can with this special appeal. You might wish to Gift Aid your donation, to give regularly by standing order, or to donate via the diocesan website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Congratulations: To Harry Thomas Patterson who was baptised at St Brendan's last Sunday. We pray that he and his family will continue to grow in faith.

Scripture Study: From Thursday 3 October we will be running a course on Scripture at St Brendan's (7.30-8.30pm). If possible, please bring a Catholic Bible and a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day & Special Collection: On Friday 4 October (Harvest Fast Day) CAFOD is asking you to make a place at your table to help our sisters and brothers in the world's poorest countries get enough nutritious food to eat. Please use the Fast Day Envelopes for the special collection next weekend and give as much as you can so that hunger doesn't remain a fact of life.

Coffee Morning: The next Coffee Morning will be held this coming Friday (4 October) in the Patmos Room at St John's. Homemade cakes are available, and a raffle. Funds raised will go towards Depaul UK. Please come along and join us. Everyone always welcome!

3 Parish Social Group: An interesting meeting was held last week where 16 members, across the three parishes, came together to discuss the format and intentions of the Social Group. All suggestions are now being collated by a steering group who will present the details at our next meeting on Monday 14 October, 11.30am in the Harbour Room. All welcome to attend. *Terry Smith.*

Steering Group: We are looking for 3 volunteers from each of our 3 churches to form a steering group which will keep things moving in between Parish Forum meetings. If you feel that you would like to be involved please contact one of the priests or email office@sbsj.org.uk.

SVP Outing for the Elderly & Housebound (SJ)

There will be an outing to St Joseph's, Audley Range, Blackburn on Sunday 13 October 2013. There is a list in the Patmos Room for names of those wishing to attend and for volunteers willing to help with transport. Alternatively, please inform any member of St John's SVP.

SVP Awareness: September is the annual month for raising awareness about this organisation. Please see the posters in the church porches.

Parish Quiz Night

**Friday 18 October at Dunscair Conservative Club
Tickets (£5) on sale after Masses this weekend**

Peace Prayer Vigil: The bombing of All Saints Church, Peshawar, Pakistan last weekend claimed many lives. Amongst them were 18 members of the family of Rev Fayaz Adman who is an Anglican priest here in Bolton. There was also the siege in Nairobi which resulted in many deaths and injuries. On Monday evening (6pm -7pm), there will be an interfaith prayer vigil at Emmanuel Church (Vicarage Street BL3 5LE) to pray for all the victims and for peace. Please come along if you can.

Induction: On Tuesday evening (7.30pm) at St Maxentius Church, Bradshaw, Rev Stephen Parsons will be inducted as the new Team Rector for the Turton Moorland Team Ministry. Please pray for him as he takes up this role.

Harbour Room Book Club: Thank you to all members who attended the last Book Club meeting and a special thanks to Barbara for her delicious cake! The next meeting will be on 30 October. The book for discussion will be *A Cold Season* by Alison Littlewood. *Madeleine*

BRASS: The collections for October will take place at St Columba's. *Thank you for your continued support.*

CAFOD Volunteers: CAFOD needs volunteers to give talks about their work in parishes and in schools. Full training and support will be given. Please contact Ged Edwards on 0161 705 0605 or gedwards@cafod.org.uk for further details.

Year of Faith Talk: *An Introduction to the Book of Revelation* – Canon Dr Jeremy Duff. Wednesday 2 October (7.30-9.30pm) at St Gabriel's RC High School, Bridge Road, Bury BL9 0TZ. The cost is £5.00 per person.

24 hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: This is to pray for the Pope's Intentions and to celebrate the Year of Faith. It will take place at St Joseph's Church, Bolton Road, Darwen, Friday 4 October (10am) – Saturday 5 October (10am). *All Welcome!*

Church Cleaning (SJ): M Cropper & R Davies

BCMCS: The next production is *Hot Mikado*, from 1 to 5 October at the Albert Halls. Tickets (from £11) are available from the box office (01204 334400) or at www.alberthalls-bolton.co.uk. There is also a special deal which, for £18, includes a pre-theatre meal at Olympus Fish & Chip Restaurant.

Think Vocation

"You must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love." The standards asked by the Church these days of applicants to the priesthood are very high. This is fitting because it is a great privilege to be ordained and to minister as a priest. However Our Lord Jesus can sanctify an ordinary man he has called and chosen for priesthood and fill him with the graces needed.

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